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CHDP Program Letter No.: 02-12

TO: ALL COUNTY CHILD HEALTH AND DISABILITY PREVENTION (CHDP)

PROGRAM DIRECTORS, DEPUTY DIRECTORS, STATE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL SERVICES (CMS) BRANCH STAFF AND REGIONAL OFFICE

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SUBJECT: CHDP PROVIDER INFORMATION NOTICE NO.: 02-10

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VISION SCREENING

Enclosed is CHDP Provider Information Notice No.: 02-10 advising CHDP providers of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Policy on "Red Reflex Examination in Infants" issued in May 2002. The Vision Screening guidelines (Section 601) in the CHDP Health Assessment Guidelines have been revised to reference the AAP policy. The updated guidelines also clarify the recommendation for use of a standardized chart, such as the Snellen or equivalent, to test visual acuity starting at three years of age.

Please distribute the Provider Information Notice, without any changes, to providers in your local program area and complete and return the enclosed "Report of Distribution."

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Office Nurse Consultant.

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Enclosures



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